

**The Worst Way & Best Way
to Die**

John 8:21-30

I. The Worst Way to Die (vv. 21-24)

1. In Sin Sin (singular) v. 21 – in essence, sin nature
Sins (plural) v. 24 – in expressions, expression of the
sin nature

How did we get to be sinners? Adam

Romans 5:12-14

Sin entered, death entered, death spread, death reigned

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Adam marred the image of God in man.

We are born in sin - Ephesians 2:1-5

Words on a tombstone

**“Pause stranger as you pass me by, as you now are,
so once was I, as I am now so you will be so prepare
for death and follow me”**

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“To follow you I’m not content, until I know which way you went”

2. In Self Righteousness v. 22

They were pure in their own eyes - Proverbs 30:12

Worst form of badness is when goodness substitutes itself for the new birth.

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You can always tell how far one is from God by how much they talk about how good they are.”

The righteousness that God will accept is not that from you, but that given to you through Jesus Christ.

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"For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." -

Matthew 5:20

Imputed righteousness - Jesus perfect record put to your account by your faith in Him

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3. In Worldliness

Kosmos - (77 times in John's writings) world system-ordered system of values, ideas, activities, and people opposed to God, under the control of the devil

2 Corinthians 4:4

Paul calls Satan the god of this world who has blinded the minds of those who believe not.

II. The Best Way to Die (vv.25-30)

1. Belief in His Person

"If" is the hinge statement (v. 24) there are other options

I am – v. 24

Jesus is making an unmistakable, direct claim to deity
v. 58

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2. Confidence in His Work

"Lifted up" - His death on the cross – John 3:14-15

Jesus died for your sin, so you wouldn't have to die in
your sin

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3. Fixed on His Word

Jesus is speaking God's words to them

Jesus' words point you to His world

Trials can shake you, but as a believer this is the closest you will ever get to hell. As an unbeliever, this is as close as you will ever get to heaven